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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 2,3 and 6 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,4 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 2/11/04 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>9/14/04</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. When the applicant states "the compressor blade comprises a high pressure compressor blade" there is no basis given for what constitutes a high pressure compressor blade, rendering the claim indefinite. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goetzel et al. (U.S. Patent 2,749,029).

Goetzel et al. discloses a hybrid blade for a thermal turbomachine with an airfoil of a first metallic material (36) of a first density and a blade root made of a second metallic material (37) having a second density lower than the first density (col. 1 lines 61-63 mentions airfoil and foot/root are from same material, but foot/root is porous and can be filled with a lower density infiltrant metal, such as copper-aluminum, col. 2 lines

16-18) where the airfoil is connected to the blade root in a positive locking manner (col. 1 lines 50-53 or col. 2 lines 39-42).

Regarding claim 4, Arnold discloses the blade moves (col. 1 lines 19-24).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-3 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Prior Art

The patent to Baudier et al. (U.S. Patent 3,883,267) was cited for its teaching of a turbine blade with a metallic core and a composite metallic blade.

The patent to Arnold et al. (U.S. Patent 6,049,978) was cited for its teaching of a turbine blade with an outer airfoil layer which is more dense than the metallic core.

The patent to Price (U.S. Patent 4,098,559) was cited for its teaching of a turbine blade with a metallic matrix that has a solid metal portion on the outer edge which would increase the density of the airfoil portion as compared to the root portion.

The patent to Finn et al. (U.S. Patent 6,607,358) was cited for its teaching of a turbine with an insert into a blade to decrease weight.

The patent to Barrett et al. (U.S. Patent 2,775,426) was cited for its teaching of a turbine blade with metal airfoils and a lower density plastic core.

The patent to Mowbray et al. (U.S. Patent 6,139,278) was cited for its teaching of a turbine blade with a metallic foam core of a lower density.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devin Hanan whose telephone number is 571-272-6089. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on 571-272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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